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Will Invite the Veterans.

Ex-members of the N. G. H. will receive card invitations to attend the military reunion at the armory next Thursday evening. In all probability it will be arranged for them to sit with their former companies. If carried out to any great extent this plan will considerably swell the attendance, and the number present will be nearer 800 than 400.

With the Waverley Club.

There will be no meeting of the Waverley Club this week. A special call may be issued for a business session to take place about next Wednesday evening. Manager Hoffmann is engaged upon the lights for the hall. Being of special design it is taking considerable time to get them ready.

IN THE HIGHER COURTS

Last Will and Testament of Simon Roth Filed.

**Two Judgments Rendered by Judge Perry—
Davis Divorce Case Still On—
Supreme Court Proceedings.**

In the Supreme Court argument in the Makee Sugar Company's case finished this morning and the appeal submitted. The court then took up the appeal of H. Luning, convicted of an infamous crime, and argument is still going on. E. P. Dole for the Republic; Magoon and Edings for defendant appellant.

Judge Stanley this morning heard the case of Kaneohe Ranch Company vs. Ah On, an appeal from the District Court of Koolau. The question raised in the lower court was one of jurisdiction, the title to real property being involved. After argument by J. A. Magoon for plaintiff and Cecil Brown for defendant the court ruled orally that District Courts have no jurisdiction in a suit of trespass where a question of title in the easement is involved, as in the case at bar, and orders the appeal dismissed. Plaintiff's attorney excepted to the ruling of the court and gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The same Judge has also rendered a decision in the jury waived replevin suit of Lee Ling, administrator of the estate of Aliana, deceased, vs. Kim, Lee Coen and Chang Lin Chee, on appeal from the District Court of Honolulu. The action was brought to recover of the defendants the possession of twenty tons of salt, alleged to have been wrongfully taken by defendants from plaintiff. The court finds for the plaintiff for the restitution of the salt or its value at \$8 per ton. J. A. Magoon for plaintiff; A. G. Correa for defendants.

In the jury waived case of William H. Thone vs. Emil Klemme, an action of debt wherein the plaintiff claims of the defendant the sum of \$250 for an alleged breach of the condition named in a certain bond executed in favor of the plaintiff by the defendant as surety for one Carl Klemme as principal. Judge Perry has filed a decision for the defendant with costs. G. A. Davis for plaintiff; W. R. Castle and P. L. Weaver for defendant.

The appeal from the District Court in the case of Gehring & Butzke vs. W. S. Edings came before Judge Stanley this morning on a motion to place the cause on the calendar. J. A. Magoon and W. A. Henshall for the motion. A. S. Humphreys made a special appearance for the purpose of objecting to the motion on the ground that the court has no jurisdiction. After argument by counsel the court denied the motion.

In the case of F. F. Porter vs. Hawaiian Pork Packing Company, a voluminous bill of exceptions has been filed by J. Alfred Magoon, attorney for defendant.

Judge Perry is still engaged in hearing the Davis divorce case.

The petition of Henry Roth for the probate of the last will and testament of Simon Roth, deceased, was filed this morning by H. P. Roth. The real estate disposed of by the will is valued at \$12,700, consisting of the homestead on Kinoo street and land on Beretania street. The personal estate is valued at \$50,000 and consists of the tailoring business, mortgages, Ewa stock, household and personal effects. Thomas Rain Walker is named in the will as trustee for the widow and children, also as executor, but during his temporary absence from the country, the court is petitioned to grant temporary letters of administration to two persons to be named by the court. Kinney & Ballou for petitioner.

IMPORTANT TO N. G. H.

Colonel Fisher Changes Order Affecting Bar Shooting During Holidays.

Colonel Fisher has made the following changes in the order respecting bar shooting at Kakaako during the present competition: Saturday, December 25, no official shooting. December 26 and January 2 the range will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m. and 1:30 to 5 p. m. for official scores. The original order arranged shooting for every afternoon. The change is made in the interest of a large number of men who can score in the forenoon only. This paper has full authority to announce the change as official, and the original order will be altered accordingly as soon as possible.

With respect to shooting tomorrow Sergeant Elvin wishes it announced to the military and the Sharpshooters that he will keep both ranges open until 12 o'clock noon for unofficial scores. This is a concession on the part of the sergeant which should be appreciated, as he has been granted a full Christmas holiday off.

Burglaries Last Night.

The "Kash," Iwakami's and Ozaki's stores were broken into last night. In each instance, nothing but small sums of money were taken. The thief or thieves gained an entrance to the stores through the back windows. They used the tools found on Ordway & Porter's work bench to pry off the window latches. Beyond the rifling of the tills the proprietors report no loss, none of the goods being disturbed. Mr. Livingston of the "Kash" considers himself a lucky man, as just before closing he had locked a large sum of money in his safe. The police have been put to work on the case but as nothing but money was taken there is small chance of finding the culprit.

Delivery Christmas Packages.

If the Peking arrives tonight, Deputy Collector J. F. Clay will open the custom house from 8 to 10 a. m. tomorrow, for permitting delivery of small packages only.

Sugar Beet Crop.

Magdeburg, Dec. 11.—The report of the statistical association on the sugar beet crop gives Germany 1,805,000 tons, Austria-Hungary 836,000 tons, France 779,000 tons.

Y. M. C. A. Bible Class.

The bible study of the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon will be upon the subject, "Paul the Pastor."

The czar has suppressed photographs of himself and the Kaiser in affectionate pose toward each other, taken by snay shot but their august figures separated by the artist from their surroundings.

Sir Wm. Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has received a gift of magnificent China vases and plaques from the Emperor of Japan as a token of appreciation for courtesies extended by him to Marquis Ito during his progress through Canada last summer.

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VERY ENCOURAGING NEWS

Democrats Will Not Make Party Fight Against Annexation.

Administration Takes Firm Stand Upon Treaty—Joint Resolution Only If Treaty Fail—Foreign Items.

San Francisco papers received by the W. G. Irwin contain the following important Washington dispatches and appended interesting foreign items:

Washington, Dec. 11.—Next Tuesday the Democrats of the House will meet in caucus to determine what their position shall be his winter on the question of Hawaiian annexation. The indications are very strong that no anti annexation policy will be agreed upon.

Considerable sentiment of opposition to taking in these islands has appeared among some of the Democratic leaders, but it was due chiefly to the fact that the Administration was making a leading question of it, and there was a desire to withhold any assistance which might enable the Republican party to achieve its end. There was also a feeling that McKinley was simply using this issue as a foil to save himself from taking action in behalf of Cuba. The eyes of the Democratic leaders, however, are being opened to the vast importance of the question. They are receiving letters from all sections of the Union urging them to take a higher, broader view of the subject, and to consider that millions of people, regardless of party lines, have been demanding the annexation of the Sandwich Islands for many years.

An argument has been raised that it is contrary to the Monroe doctrine for the United States to acquire territory beyond the boundaries of the continent. But this doctrine is merely a limit on the European powers and places no limitation on the United States. James G. Blaine and Senator Morgan of Alabama have taken practically the same view on this point.

The treaty will doubtless be considered in secret session, for the reason that Japan's attitude toward annexation is such as to involve some delicate questions, which the members of the Foreign Relations Committee think it not advisable to air before the public.

Won't Abandon the Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The friends of Hawaiian annexation have definitely decided to consider the question in executive session of the Senate. In order to do this it will be necessary for them to take up the annexation treaty, rather than a joint resolution providing for annexation.

It is stated on behalf of the annexationists, that to abandon the treaty at the present time would create the impression that they had surrendered the fight entirely. They think that the consideration of the question will serve to bind those who profess to be in favor of annexation, and to hold at least a majority of the Senate for a resolution, if it should become necessary to resort to this measure.

The staunchest friends of annexation admit that it would be well-nigh impossible to secure the two-thirds vote necessary to ratify the treaty, but they contend that they will come very near reaching the necessary number. Of the sixty votes necessary they claim to have fifty-four pledged, and they think it possible that they might secure two or three more votes. Their plan, however, contemplates a full debate of the question on the treaty in executive session, and a subsequent transfer of the matter, if necessary, on a resolution similar to that by which Texas was annexed, and the pressing of this resolution to a speedy vote.

The resolution will require only a majority of votes, but to be effective it will be necessary that it should also pass the House, where delay is feared.

Blanco's regime in Cuba is as bloody toward pacificos, or people not in the war, as Weyler's was.

The jingo papers of Germany are abusing the United States in connection with the Haytian affair.

The Central American Federation will take shape early in the year.

Lieut. Peary, the American Arctic explorer, is receiving unlimited hero worship in London.

The Liberal Federation of Britain has broadened its platform to include the variegated reformers. Woman suffrage and abolition of the Lords are adopted. John Morley and other old Liberals don't like the move, and the Irish kick at want of mention of home rule.

General Rodriguez has plainly notified the Spanish that he will hang any person caught in insurgent camps corrupting his officers and men. Twelve envoys, however, were dispatched, in face of these warnings, to offer bribes to the leaders in the western provinces, and the news of the hanging of four of them is already to hand.

CHARLIE REMEMBERED.

Handsome Purse from Merchants to the Diamond Head Lookout.

"Diamond Head Charlie," as J. C. Peterson, keeper of the signal station for the heads, is most commonly known, has not been forgotten by the large shipping and mercantile firms this Christmas. Col. J. H. Soper, head of the Hawaiian News Co., has been as good as yore the faithful sentinel's good angel in canvassing for subscriptions. He collected a purse counted in the hundreds, which he handed over to Mr. Peterson in good time for making reasonable use of the money. "Charlie" is an official that holds himself to duty night as well as day when ocean steamers are liable to arrive, and he never misses giving notice of even the larger island steamers coming between midnight and dawn. He is largely shut off from the rest of the community on his aerie—though the bridge just built makes his post more accessible—and never leaves it excepting on a flying visit to town for obtaining the necessities of life. Nobody but will be pleased to know that Christmas has brought well-earned cheer to "Charlie the Lookout."

Wheelman Run Over.

While wheeling on King street toward Fort yesterday evening, Jack Hassinger was run down by Sam Dowsett on a horse. Bike and rider fell in a heap in the mud, though neither was damaged very much. When the blue smoke had cleared away, it was plain that the occurrence was purely an accident.

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SEVERAL CHRISTMAS TREES

Santa Claus Visits Children in Church and School Yesterday.

Large Gathering at Central Union—The Pretty Snow House—At Iolani School—Postponed Festivities.

Christmas was ushered in yesterday evening by the appearance of Santa Claus in several churches and schools of this city. Several hundreds of children were assembled in the various places, and everywhere a real jolly time was given them. The exercises began early and by 8 o'clock all was over.

House Full of Children.

It is estimated that over 600 children attended the reception in the Sunday school parlors of Central Union church. Admission was by ticket in order that the house might not be overcrowded. The exercises began at 6 o'clock. Superintendent De la Vergne of the Sunday School was in charge. He was assisted by Willard E. Brown and others. There were songs by the congregation, different departments, and a solo by Miss Johnson of Kamehameha school. Miss Carwright gave an appropriate reading. All the children then had ice cream and cake, and received each a red box of candy.

Came Down the Chimney.

At 7 o'clock Santa Claus dropped down the chimney of the Snow house in the Christian church. Chas. Rice acted the ancient saint with masterly aplomb. The sight was pleasing and the children were delighted. Presents were distributed by a special committee. Every child received something. Two special gifts among the older folk were, a turkey from the church to Prof. Cook, the organist. There was a song program by the Sunday school and readings by some of the children. One of the best was by little Willie Rasemann. A recitation by small girls with joy bells to the different verses was very good.

At Palama Chapel.

The mission chapel at Palama filled to overflowing at 7 o'clock. A large number of people stood on the verandas. Rev. J. M. Lewis was assisted by teachers of the Sunday School and teachers and pupils of Kamehameha School. There was a long program of literary exercises. The singing was most excellent. Several of the recitations were quite creditable. The tree stood at the left of the rostrum and was prettily decorated and lighted. There were many presents.

Christmas in the Valley.

At Iolani College the Christmas program was pure and attractive. A very large number of children into the main school room. R. J. Fenn was in charge. Bishop Willis, Rev. V. H. Kite and other church dignitaries were present. A splendid literary program was presented. The gifts were distributed by the teachers of the school.

Other Christmas Trees.

Rev. G. L. Pearson, C. B. Ripley, J. M. Webb, Mrs. Chapin and others have prepared a program of literary exercises and arranged a tree for the First Methodist Church on Beretania street to take place at 7 o'clock this evening.

Santa Claus will appear before the Portuguese Mission Sunday School on Miller street at 7 o'clock.

On account of so many of the guests at the Arlington dining out on Christmas day, the regular Xmas dinner at this place will be on Friday night, Christmas eve. Come and try it.